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# IF I HAD BUT A Good Tempered Wife



IF I had but a good tempered wife, neighbour  
Jones,

If I had but a good tempered wife,  
How happy I would be in every degree, (Jones

If I had but a good tempered wife, neighbour

If I had but a good tempered wife,  
The best thing you could do in the world, neigh-  
bour Miles,

So I advise you to quick change your life,  
Court a young lady gay, then to church haste away,  
And marry a good tempered wife neighbour  
And marry a good tempered wife, (Miles,

A young man is like a strayed sheep neighbour,  
Jones,

No pleasure or comfort in life,  
With care he's opprest like a ship in distress,  
Oh I wish I'd a good tempered wife neighbour,  
Jones,

Oh I wish I'd a good tempered wife,  
Get a wife and get married with speed neighbour  
Miles,

And live free from all wrangling and strife,  
Then you will pass with delight both your day and,  
your night,

With your kind little good tempered wife  
neighbour Miles,

With your kind little good tempered wife,

A virtuous woman, I know well neighbour Jones,  
Is a treasure to lead you through life,  
A jewel so rare there's nought can compare,  
With the charms of a good tempered wife, neigh-  
bour Jones,

With the charms of a good tempered wife,  
With your little ones flocking around you neigh-  
bour Miles,

Free from poverty sorrow and strife, (neighbour Miles,  
So take my advice be off in a trice,  
And marry a good tempered wife neighbour Miles,  
And marry a good tempered wife,

I am thankfull for your kind advice, neighbour  
Jones,

And I'm determined to quick change my life,  
As the time does quickly fly I'll live and I'll die,  
In the arms of a good tempered wife, neighbour  
Jones,

In the arms of a good tempered wife,  
Aye, and when through your journey you've been,  
neighbour Miles,

And finished this troublesome life,  
You will not be alone but lie in your last home,  
By the side of your good tempered wife, neighbour  
Miles,

By the side of your good tempered wife.

JOHN MORGAN